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# Thatcher warning of Soviet might

By George Clark  
Political Correspondent  
Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative leader, last night pledged the Tory Party to the task of "shaking the British public out of the effects of a prolonged course of sedation" by warning them of the threat to Britain and the West of the rapidly growing and military power of the Soviet Union.

In her most aggressive speech since becoming leader, she declared: "The Russians are bent on world domination." Yet, although the strategic threat to Britain and her allies from an expansionist power was greater than at any period since the last war, the Labour Government was dismantling our defences.

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Prisoners captured when Beirut's Muslim stronghold of Karantina was overrun yesterday by the Christian Phalangists.

# Weeping Muslims see homes burned in Beirut

Beirut, Jan 19.—Right-wing Christian Phalangists were today bulldozing the blazing ruins of the Karantina shantytown in north-east Beirut after one of the most pitiless battles of the Lebanese civil war.

After more than 30 hours of bloody fighting, they were in control of three-quarters of the shantytown, a Muslim enclave occupied until a year ago by about 40,000 poor people, in the middle of a Christian area. In the remaining quarter, left-wing and Palestinian forces were putting up a desperate resistance, street by street and dwelling by dwelling.

Dozens of terrified men, women and children emerged weeping with arms raised from the corrugated iron shacks as the Phalangist advance continued. Some carried white flags, but otherwise they brought nothing. By the light of the fires, amid the crackling of gunfire and the explosion of shells, they were quickly searched then led in a long column to the edge of the district.

They would not be returning to Karantina. As each group of dwellings was evacuated it was systematically set on fire. Then a bulldozer arrived to begin work amid the flames.

All around, the flames spread, and the sky was blackened by thick smoke. The dead were left in the middle of the streets. "We are going to raze the district so it doesn't present a problem any more; then we will build a new district," one Phalangist militiaman said, hurling a petrol bomb through the window of a dwelling which had just been abandoned.

The Phalangists allowed journalists into the fighting zones today while the inhabitants were still there. Left-wing and Palestinian forces have so far refused admission to besieged Christian areas south of the capital, where the right-wing Christian National Liberal Party claims that 30 women and children were massacred.

"It's terrible to have got this far but there was no other possibility," a Phalangist official said. "We've been threatening for 10 months to intervene in Karantina if our communication lines continued to be machine-gunned from there."

"But our warnings were ignored. Three of our men were killed in one of our vehicles two days ago."

Militarily, occupation of the district did not present the Phalangists with problems. It was surrounded by Phalangist positions on all sides. The aim was to open up, by tonight, the mountainous area between the eastern suburbs and the mountains near by.

The 40,000 people who lived in Karantina up to a year ago were mainly Syrians and Kurds, but they also included Lebanese from the south and some Palestinians. Most of them left after the civil war broke out last April, no longer able to find work in the harbour and factories.

The Phalangists took over Karantina's hospital last night and the ambulance and refuge treatment plant this morning. This afternoon, at the end of a blazing street, left-wing militia opened fire from a car battery plant.

Phalangists managed to force a door of the factory, found a small cache of arms and ammunition, and called for support. The shelling began quickly. Thus their grip

# Call-up averts Spanish national rail strike

From Our Correspondent  
Madrid, Jan 19.—The Spanish Government today averted a strike in the state-run railway system by mobilising 4,000 employees. The same tactic was used to avert a strike by postal workers last week.

But no agreement has yet been reached with Madrid's 4,000 underground. Metro workers who have threatened to strike again this week if their demands are not met. According to informed sources, the Government is afraid to mobilize them in case they defy the order and mutiny.

Like the postal workers, the Madrid railwaymen are now under military law, which could lead to court martial proceedings if they strike again. Eight postmen, arrested last week, are due to appear before a military court.

The rail and postal workers are civil servants but the latter company is privately owned although heavily subsidised by the state. The move against the railmen has not averted the strike of workers employed by Wagon Lits, the private company operating Pullman services.

In Madrid the construction industry has returned to normal after an estimated 80,000 workers went on strike, but other industries continued to be closed.

Para-military Civil Guards surrounded the Chrysler car plant this morning when some employees tried to return to work. They were turned back by pickets at the gates, and there were several scuffles.

Mr Sandy Gall, an ITN newscaster, and his American cameraman, Mr William Greene, were held for more than three hours by police when they tried to film the incident outside the factory. They were taken to police headquarters in the centre of Madrid, where they had to remove their watches, belts and shoe laces. Only the arrival of an official from the Ministry of Information and Tourism with a blue form ordering their release saved them from a spell in the cells.

The 55 people arrested by police at a house-warming party in Madrid on Saturday have been released. The host was a lawyer who specializes in labour affairs.

In Bilbao, police arrested an unknown number of people yesterday in a pro-democracy march, and several people were arrested in the working class suburb of Carabanchel in Madrid after a similar march.

While the Government kept up its action against strikers, Señor Carlos Arias Navarro, the Prime Minister, reaffirmed his promise of eventual liberalization of the National Movement, the only legal political party, he said that "only the will of the Spanish people, which cannot be overruled by spontaneous performers, will have the last word."

He reiterated his desire to put the country back on the road to democracy. "From a system of unconditional personal support we have to pass to one of institutional participation," he said when paying homage to the late General Franco.

Señor Arias gave warning that authority "can in no way be considered an object of discussion or negotiation." He continued: "We know perfectly well the origin and real aim of subversion: we are clearly aware of its misguided and criminal objectives."

The Government would use all its energy and force to stamp it out, he promised.



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# Jets collide and crash near village

From John Chatteris  
Nantwich  
A mid-air collision near Nantwich, Cheshire, yesterday is likely to lead to questioning of the use of the quite thickly populated area for RAF low-level training.

The falling wreckage of two Harrier vertical take-off jet fighters missed farm buildings, cottages and a public house by between 50 and 100 yards. The roofs of council houses in the village of Cholmondeston and a farm dairy were damaged. Pieces of wreckage were scattered over about a square mile. Both pilots were killed.

The aircraft were two of four apparently practising turning in towards one another at low level, according to three witnesses, all employees of the Crewe rail workshops who were fishing on the Shropshire Union Canal at Cholmondeston.

One of them, Mr Dennis Fenna, of Fletcher Street, Crewe, put the height of the aircraft before the collision at "no more than the top of Blackpool tower."

The fuselage of one Harrier, on fire and still containing the body of its pilot, fell about three hundred yards from Elms Farm and about 200 yards from the Little Man, a public house, where about fifty members of the Cheshire Beagles and supporters had been assembled just before the crash.

Three hours after the accident a Harrier was seen flying over the area at about 200 ft.

The RAF said the aircraft, from number 230 operational conversion unit at Wittering, Northamptonshire, were being flown by instructors on qualification tests.

Strike Command said details of the height of the aircraft and their manoeuvre would be subjects of an official inquiry.

Mr Harold Beswick, landlord of the Little Man, said: "We got them flying low over here about every month or six weeks. It has worried some people in the village."

Mr Richard Donaldson, of Crowton Cottage, said that because he came home a few minutes earlier than usual he brought his children, Sharon, aged 4, and Ian, 18 months, in from the garden about three minutes before a large piece of wreckage landed there.

Although the area is primarily rural, there are big towns and a liberal sprinkling of villages and farmsteads within a few miles of the scene of the accident apart from Cholmondeston, Nantwich, with a large district general hospital on its outskirts, and the villages away and Crewe eight miles.

# All-in schools plan rejected

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has rejected a plan for comprehensive schooling on the borders of Wiltshire and Dorset.

Wiltshire County Council said their three-tier scheme had not been turned down on educational grounds but because they could not put a date within a five-year period when a grammar school in Shaftesbury could be converted into an upper school.

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# Esso rejoins price war

Esso, the second largest petrol retailer in the country, has rejoined the petrol price war. It is offering reductions of 7p a gallon where competition from the independent marketing group is strongest. Three months ago the main oil companies gave an undertaking to the motor trade to stop price-cutting, but Esso's action seems certain to bring other well-known brands back into the price war.

# Angola compromise rejected by MPLA

A compromise settlement in the Angolan civil war was ruled out by one of the leaders of the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA). There was no chance of forming a government with the two rival movements, he asserted.

# Question at Elsinore

On the last day of their conference at Elsinore, Denmark, leaders of West European socialist parties split on the question of cooperating with communist parties. Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, said cooperation could influence foreign affairs and weaken NATO.

# Shares in retreat

Stock markets dipped sharply yesterday as profit-takers moved in after recent strong rises. The FT Index closed 8.5 down at 394.7.

# Explosives 'show intent to kill'

Explosives found by security forces in Northern Ireland on Saturday were described by Mr Rees, Secretary of State, as a declaration of intent by the Provisional IRA to the people of Ulster that some of them would shortly be killed or maimed.

# Leyland decision

Sir Robert Clark, chairman of Hill Samuel, is expected to act as temporary chairman of British Leyland after the death on Sunday of Sir Ronald Edwards. Sir Robert served on the Ryder committee and is chairman of the Government's Industrial Development Advisory Board.

# Women tortured

Nine out of 10 of the women prisoners held with her in a Santiago jail were subjected to electrical shock torture in a building known as the "sex house". Dr Sheila Cassidy told a Geneva press conference.

# Talks on blind

Although the Royal Horticultural Society says a ban on blind people bringing guide dogs to Chelsea Flower Show must remain, the Minister for the Disabled is to seek a meeting between the Society and organizations for the blind because of his concern in the matter.

# Earnings up 17.3 pc

Earnings rose at an annual rate of 17.3 per cent in the three months to last November.

# Two PLA docks to go

Two of the Port of London Authority's best known London docks, the West India and Millwall, are to be closed this year under a rationalization plan. The PLA hopes to transfer traffic to the Royal Docks, slightly down river, and avoid compulsory redundancies.

# Glasgow economies

When Glasgow civic leaders confront Whitehall today with their city's financial plight, they will offer £5.3m economies. They say the Government's proposed £13.4m saving would throw 2,000 out of work or raise rates by two fifths.

Mr Wilson's pledge: Mr Wilson has promised that the Government will try to introduce direct elections to the European Parliament by the summer of 1978.

Bread fashion changes: More people are buying traditional crusty loaves in preference to sliced bread.

Manx Act: A new Isle of Man law will introduce powers to keep out "undesirables".

Brussels: Britain fights to keep its beef marketing scheme as new round of EEC farm talks begins.

Missing ship: Lutine bell rings to mark the loss of the giant ore-carrying tanker, Berge Isura.

Tennis: The prize money at Wimbledon this year has been increased by £36,550 to a total of £145,425.

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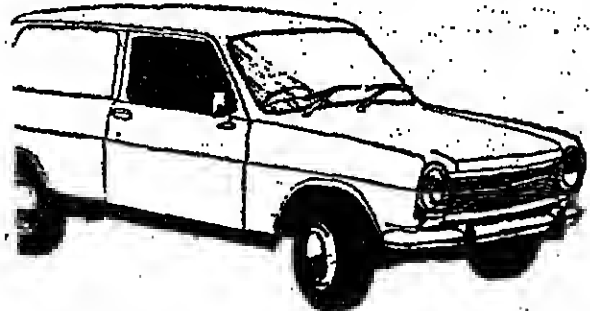


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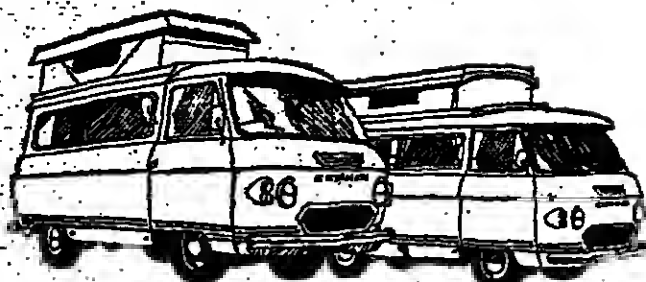
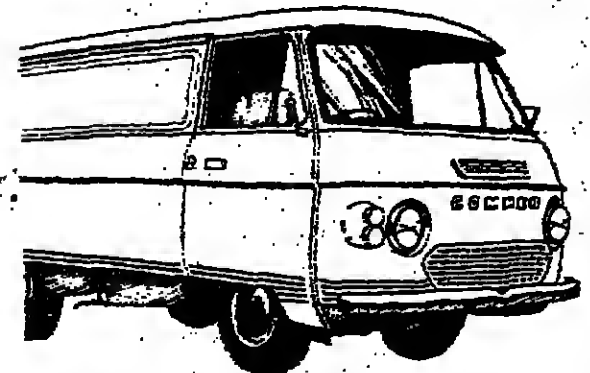
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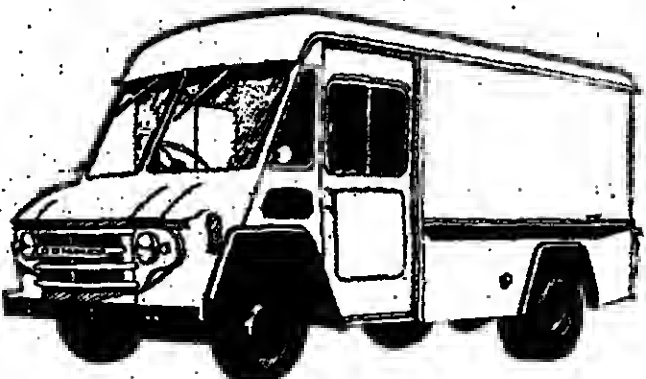
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## HOME NEWS

## Glasgow offers £6.5m pruning in 'special case' plea to Whitehall

From Ronald Paux

Glasgow. Single-shift working at public washhouses, closure of 21 public lavatories, and a range of other large savings, including £1.2m cuts in council house repairs, Glasgow hopes to prune public spending this year by £6.5m.

That will be the city's offering, today when civic leaders meet Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, in London to discuss the financial plight of the city.

The Government has laid down guidelines for Glasgow, suggesting savings of £13.4m which the district council rejects as impossible to achieve without throwing at least two thousand people out of work and raising the rates by two-fifths.

Under Glasgow's proposed economies libraries, planning, museums, markets, environmental health and cleansing would all face reduction in spending. People would remain in work but improvement plans and non-essential maintenance would be shelved.

The district council is seeking a compromise with the Government and hopes to convince ministers that Glasgow qualifies as a "special case".

Mr William Ross, director of finance, said he believed the Government misunderstood the running costs of towns and country areas. "They say they want to help us, and in theory have been converted to positive discrimination in favour of urban areas. In fact there is positive discrimination against them."

Glasgow's difficulties run far deeper than any immediate cash shortage for public services. The city faces formidable tasks of slum clearance and urban renewal. The budget for the next financial year lies between £140m and £150m, of which 43 per cent is spent on debt charges created by housing and redevelopment.

The population of the city has deliberately been reduced from 1,250,000 to few more than 900,000 to lessen chronic over-

crowding, but there are fewer ratepayers to meet the rising debt. When economies on the scale proposed by the Secretary of State are imposed the reduction in services makes the city less attractive and fewer people want to move there.

"If we put the rates up, people are discouraged; if we leave things as they are, people are equally discouraged," Mr English said. With such a descending spiral the future of Glasgow is gloomy.

The city complains that by contrast rural areas emerged from the Government's pruning shears relatively untouched. Even more unfairly in the urban view, parts of north and north-east Scotland have been allowed to decrease their spending by 17 per cent.

The city's policy and resources committee considers that what the Government expects of Glasgow is totally unrealistic and would amount to a 27 per cent cut in spending this year.

Behind the financial question lies an even more uneasy political situation. The Glasgow district contains the core of socialism in west central Scotland, upon which the Government and Labour Party heavily depend.

The party in Scotland believes there is no swifter way of losing support than by increasing the cost of public services. The condition of much of Glasgow's housing has long been an embarrassment to the city, but to improve it would be immensely costly.

Rents and rates have already risen sharply over the past year. If that is to be followed by severe cuts in services, many local councilors think the result might be politically disastrous, particularly with the Scottish National Party providing voters with an alternative.

The emergence of a new Scottish Labour Party critical of the way socialism is being represented in Scotland adds another worry.

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Flight Lieutenant Lesley Cook, aged 27, based at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, the first woman air traffic controller to join the examining board.

## Six men get bail on kidnapping charge

Six London men were granted bail at Salford Magistrates' Court, Greater Manchester, yesterday on a charge of kidnapping a couple and their daughter, aged seven months. They are accused of abducting Mr Victor Ormond Scott, aged 28, his wife Diana, aged 26, and their daughter, Chantell, from their home at Eccleston Place, Salford, on January 3.

The men had been remanded in custody since January 8. They are: Barry Stevenson, aged 24, of Prendergast Road, Blackhead; Ernest Ulyett, aged 37, of Beresford Avenue, Hanwell; Lucius Everard Plummer, aged 37, of Hamilton Road, Golders Green; Sederick Lusington Downer, aged 30, of Richmond Street, Hammersmith; Alfred Appleby Harvey, aged 46, of Folly Road, Brockley; and Raphael Boyd, aged 29, of Tuscan Road, Woolwich. They were remanded until March 15.

Mr Plummer, Mr Harvey, Mr Ulyett and Mr Downer are also accused of robbery, warning and causing grievous bodily harm to Mr Scott. Three London women were granted bail until March 15 when they appeared with the six men a week ago accused of abducting the Scotts.

## Local authorities fear pressure from regional assemblies

## Demand in Wales for a devolution referendum

By Geoffrey Smith

There is a swelling chorus of demand from local authorities in Wales for a referendum in the principality before the Government's devolution proposals are put into effect. A good many Welsh authorities have taken this position officially and the plea was heard time and again at a conference on devolution organized in Cardiff last week by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa) and attended principally by local government elected members and officials.

Both at this conference and a similar one held by Cipfa in Glasgow the previous week there was scepticism over the Government's intentions. It was to some extent the expression of a special interest. Local government people in both countries are clearly worried lest their own activities should be cramped by the creation of Scottish and Welsh assemblies. The very existence of a Westminster is seen as something of an advantage by those running local authorities. Parliament is no distant and too busy to interfere incessantly. Ministers and officials at the Scottish and Welsh Offices have enough to do without becoming involved in the details of local administration.

But, it was maintained, the members of these new assemblies may not have enough to do.

They will want to enhance their role, and therefore possibly to seek work. If the assemblies are organized on committee lines, as the White Paper suggests, then it would be natural for part of that work to be detailed investigation by committees into how local authorities are carrying out their responsibilities. In any event it is feared that local authorities will find the immediately superior level of government pressing more closely upon them.

The first is that the creation of this new layer of government will not be compatible with the present structure of local government. In both countries reform of the structure of local government has preceded devolution. New, and in some cases large, regional authorities have been established which, it is thought, may soon find themselves bumping their heads into their respective assemblies. The problem is liable to be particularly acute in Scotland, where the Strathclyde Region encompasses more than a third of the population in the country.

Even those members of Strathclyde who had misgivings about forming such a vast region in the first place would be sorry to see it split up now. They have worked hard to get it going and do not want to see their efforts wasted; but it

## Obscenity trial of Linda Lovelace book

A paperback sex book, *Inside Linda Lovelace*, written by Miss Lovelace who appeared in the film *Deep Throat*, was the subject of a prosecution at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. A jury of three women and nine men was asked to decide whether it was obscene.

Mr John Mortimer, QC, for the defence, told them: "You will have to ask yourselves whether our society is such, having survived two major wars, that it will actually tolerate an end because Miss Lovelace cheerfully indulges in all sorts of sexual shenanigans."

He warned the jury that it was the story of a woman who had been published in America by Pinnacle Books, with whom he had a friendly sales and business relationship. He also had a contract to publish a sequel to the book, called *The Intimate Diary of Linda Lovelace*.

Mr Mortimer, who contended that the prosecution was a form of censorship, said it might be a relief to the jury, "living in a time of stress and disquiet, by spelling out crimes and explosions, that the prosecution, which is mounted here with the full majesty of the law against a book, deals with the pleasures which men and women may give each other by sex, by love-making, with care and concern and perhaps intimacy."

In deciding whether the book was obscene the jury would have to decide whether it tended to corrupt or deprave persons likely to see or read it. Under the Act it would be open for the defence to claim that it was published on the ground of public good, in the interests of science, literature, art or learning.

Sergeant Stanley Collins, of Scotland Yard, said Mr Hannan was told that the Director of Public Prosecutions had received a complaint about *Inside Linda Lovelace*.

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The trial continues today.

## Defendant in Whittle case asks for solicitor

Donald Neilson, who is accused of murdering Lesley Whittle, the heiress, asked Newcastle-under-Lyme Magistrates' Court, Staffordshire, yesterday for his solicitor to attend court.

Mr Philip May, the clerk, told him that he would get in touch with the solicitor, Mr Barrington Black, of Leeds, who two weeks ago was given permission not to attend every hearing.

Mr Neilson, aged 39, of Grangefield Avenue, Thornbury, Bradford, was remanded in custody for a week. Mr Black had said at the earlier hearing that it did not seem necessary to attend each appearance.

## Man cleared of arms charges

Hugh McDonald, aged 38, was cleared at the High Court in Glasgow yesterday of three charges of possessing firearms and explosives. He blamed his son, William, aged 17, who has since disappeared in Belfast, for the offences.

Mr McDonald, of Fesque Road, Dundee, had previously been charged with possession of a saw-off shotgun and sodium chlorate in his car. He also denied being a member or sympathizer of the Ulster Volunteer Force.

## £48,000 to be spent on castle

Pfife Regional Council policy and resources committee has agreed to spend £48,000 on the restoration of Balmoral Castle. That sum will come from £100,000 which has been set aside for the improvement of the environment this year.

But a councillor opposed the decision, saying: "Because we have allocated £100,000 this does not mean we have to spend it. We have had to pay out extra money for bus services and there are other items such as road repairs and lighting."

## Chief dining car steward cleared

Daniel McDowell, a chief dining car steward, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of involvement in £66,000 fraud operated by several of his fellow stewards and cooks on trains between King's Cross and Scotland. It was found that McDowell was one of the cooks of the train, two of the stewards and one of dishonestly handled £100.

Mr McDowell, aged 38, of Scotswood Walk, Northumbria, and Park, Tottenham, London was discharged.

## Rapist jailed for six years

A rapist was jailed at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday for six years. Robert Gary Ellis, aged 27, was found to have broken into a Southport house at 3 am on October 1 and raped the proprietress, a 40-year-old woman.

Mr Ellis, of no fixed address, was found to have escaped over the rooftops, the court was told.

## Conductress injured

Mrs Mary Bowman, a bus conductress of Inverkeithing, Fifeshire, was trapped for 45 minutes in her bus yesterday when it struck a parked lorry. She was detained in Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, with head and leg injuries. Twelve passengers were injured.

## Concorde celebration

British Airways has brought television equipment from America to enable important guests at the Concorde celebration tomorrow at Heathrow to watch the simultaneous take-offs of the two Concores of the first passenger flights from London and Paris.

## Rescued girl dies

Lynne Forman, aged 17, of Cambridge, who was rescued from a blazing car which crashed on December 19, killing three other people, died in hospital yesterday.

## Rate cut proposed

Winchester City Council policy committee decided yesterday to recommend a cut in rates after "strenuous efforts" at economy.

## Children escape fire

Sixty-six children escape injury yesterday when a fire damaged a school for the educationally subnormal at Lichfield.

## Talks over dogs at flower show

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Morris, Minister for the Disabled, is to seek a meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society and organizations representing the blind, after receiving disclosures in *The Times* that guide dogs for the blind were not exempt from a ban on the admission of dogs to the Chelsea Flower Show.

Mr Morris said yesterday: "I am naturally concerned to improve access for all disabled people, including the blind, to public and social events of all kinds. My aim is to help disabled people to live their lives to the full."

Although guide dogs for the blind are highly trained there is a possibility that people might be injured at the Chelsea Flower Show if they are admitted: there is therefore no alternative in the interests of safety but to ban them. The Royal Horticultural Society said in a statement yesterday.

The ban was criticized by Lord Snowdon in a letter to *The Times* in which he said that the society was displaying a lack of understanding of the kind that was the bane of many disabled people's lives.

"It is necessary to consider whether, because of conditions which cannot be modified, there may be categories of potential visitors who might be of special risk, or who might, unintentionally, create a risk for others," the society said.

"Dogs constitute a hazard. Guide dogs, unlike other dogs, are highly trained to cope with normal crowd conditions and, even in the special conditions at Chelsea, could certainly be relied upon to guide their owners safely."

"They might well, however, find it extremely difficult, in a burst of joy, to avoid other visitors unaware of their presence and therefore unable to take evasive action. The possibility of injury both to the dogs and to members of the public in such circumstances cannot be overlooked."

The society added that it had been suggested that if a visitor, possibly elderly, fell because of tripping over a dog, and was seriously injured the society's insurance company would provide compensation.

## Farmer cleared of blackmailing girl's seducer

From Our Correspondent

Norwich. John Browne, a farmer, who was said to have valued his daughter's virginity at £1,000, was cleared at Norwich Crown Court yesterday of blackmailing the married man who seduced her. Mr Browne, aged 47, had pleaded not guilty to two charges of demanding money with menaces from Mr X, who made love on four occasions to Mr Browne's daughter, Alison, aged 17.

The prosecution said that Mr Browne, of Mill Farm, Deopham, Norfolk, had threatened to tell Mr X's wife of the affair unless he bought a £400 horsebox for Alison, a keen show-jumper.

Mr Browne said Mr X had voluntarily offered to pay for the horsebox to make amends for his seduction. Mr X, however, said he would not have paid a penny if he had not been threatened.

## Subsidies on cheese to be reduced

By Hugh Clayton

Subsidies paid to processors and importers of cheese are to be cut by almost a pound next week. That will reduce the value of the subsidy to processors by 2p a pound to 10p. The reduction was announced yesterday by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. Immediately there was a warning from the dairy industry about "unfair distortion of the trade".

Mr Paul Pegden-Smith, products director of the Dairy Trades Federation, called on the Government to ensure that importers do not gain an unfair advantage. Dairies at home received the subsidy when their cheese was sold, he explained. Importers were paid when their cheese entered this country. They might then sell it at a profit, while the sold subsidy was in force and sell them after it had been reduced.

"That would be like giving them an extra discount that we did not have," Mr Pegden-Smith said.

Mrs Williams said the subsidy fund had to be cut by £2m a year because rising demand for subsidized food was pushing expenditure towards its limit.

## Petition on pay beds

Four thousand forms asking the Government to name a date for phasing out private beds from National Health Service hospitals have been sent by the Socialist Medical Association to members, trade unions and Labour Party organizations.

## Crusty loaf is rising in the public's esteem

By a Staff Reporter

More people than at any time since the last war are turning to the traditional fresh crusty loaf in preference to the sliced and wrapped variety. Mr Morris Zimmerman, director of the National Association of Master Bakers, said yesterday.

Speaking at a meeting of the association in Chester, he said that 63 more local bakers had been added to the association's membership in the last year. "This is the first substantial increase in the craftsman membership of the National Association of

Master Bakers since the end of the war."

The standard wrapped, sliced loaf, sold cynically in supermarkets, still accounted for more than half the nation's bread consumption and it was cheaper than the crusty loaf. "But the growth in number of master bakers' businesses shows that in terms of value the public think the crusty, fresh-baked loaf is definitely a better buy," Mr Zimmerman added.

Better grades of flour, higher fuel costs, skilled labour and smaller batches to provide variety accounted for the higher cost of the crusty loaf.

## Inquiry into doctors' pay review sought

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, led by Mr Clive Jenkins, which claims that several hundred junior doctors are members, has requested the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to look at the way in which junior doctors' terms and conditions are negotiated.

The union wants the present system, under which the doctors' pay and conditions are subject to the doctors' independent review body, replaced by straight collective bargaining. Mr Reginald Bird, the union's national officer, said the present dispute between the junior doctors and the Department of Health would not have arisen

## Chemist fined for Sunday sales

A London chemist who claimed to be the largest supplier of oxygen for emergencies in England was fined £20 at Hendon Magistrates' Court yesterday for selling goods other than medical or surgical supplies or medicines on two Sundays in November.

Mr Harry Gann, manager of Warman-Freed, chemists, of Colders Green Road, Colders Green, pleaded guilty.

## Isotope in canal

The radioactive isotope that vanished last Wednesday from a factory at Livingston, West Lothian, has been found in a canal near by police frogmen. The isotope was said to be dangerous but not lethal.

## Fear of dispute between transport unions

From a Staff Reporter

Wakefield. Fears of a dispute between road and rail unions over the appointment of public money to the two services were expressed by Mr Thomas Lord, director general of the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, at Wakefield yesterday.

Earlier Councillor Dennis Matthews, chairman of West Yorkshire County Council Passenger Transport Committee, had outlined the council's transport policy, saying that out of an estimated total commitment of £13.15m, £5.78m would be to support the transport executive and National Bus Company services and £7.37m for local railway passenger services.

Road transport union officials maintain that the contribution to rail is disproportionate to the use of the services. Bus passenger journeys number an estimated 1,500,000 a year, compared with 50,000 passenger journeys by rail.

At yesterday's meeting Mr Lord admitted that the executive was "not happy" with the distribution of public money. It meant that some services would be unfunded and others reduced. He said: "We are not wanting to create trade union conflict in the county. There are dangers that such a conflict will emerge."

On a financial policy and prospects, Mr Matthews said bus and train services in West Yorkshire would be maintained at broadly their existing level. "Although in line with government policy we have had to reduce the level of council support for bus services," he said. "I am hopeful that we shall see the year through successfully and the best possible services will be provided within our resources."

It was hoped that fares on transport executive buses would be held at their present level. It was hoped also that National Bus fares, the subject of an application for increase recently, would be held at their present level and held to their present level: talks were going on to that end.

On railway strategy, Mr Matthews said West Yorkshire was carrying out a holding operation on local railway passenger services until a comprehensive review of the local network was completed later this year. He was hopeful, however, that when services that had a role to play in an integrated system were defined, improvements to encourage more use of the railway could proceed.

## Petrol increases may have cut road deaths

Petrol price increases and stricter speed limits may have saved more than 600 lives on the roads during 1974, figures released yesterday by the office of Population Censuses and Surveys suggests.

Road deaths were down from 6,976 in 1973 to 6,372 in 1974. The drop coincided with the first big rise in oil prices and matched the fall in mileage covered by Britain's motorists. Ten thousand miles a year was the norm before the oil crisis, but motorist organizations say it was down to 8,000 last year. The figures are first in a new series of monitors from the office on the causes of death.

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From Our Correspondent

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## New Manx law will protect local jobs

From Our Correspondent

Douglas, Isle of Man. Legislation giving the Manx Government new powers to control immigrant workers in the Isle of Man in order to keep out "undesirables" and give priority to local workers will become law today when the Royal Assent to it is announced in *The Times*.

It will not take effect immediately but on a day appointed by Sir John Paul, the Lieutenant Governor. There will also have to be regulations under the new Act passed by Manx MPs, but these procedures are expected to be completed rapidly.

## Former Tory spokesman criticizes Mr Stevas's 'priority'

By Our Education

Correspondent. Mr Norman St John-Stevens was taken to task yesterday by the man he replaced as party spokesman on education and science.

Mr William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for Wokingham, criticized a reference Mr St John-Stevens had made to students' grants in a speech on November 10 at Mid-Essex College in his constituency of Chelmsford.

Mr van Straubenzee, speaking yesterday at the same college, said Mr St John-Stevens had stated in his speech that the campaign by the National Union of Students to abolish the parental contribution to students' grants was fully in accord with Conservative policy. Its reduction and eventual

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In a letter to *The Times*



## DEFENCE

Britain fights to keep  
of market scheme as  
C farm talks open

David Cross  
Jan 19  
European Community's  
scheme for a new crop year  
in Brussels this week  
the British Government  
fighting to retain the  
beef marketing system  
temporarily as part  
renegotiated EEC  
ship terms.  
A two-day meeting of  
the Agriculture of the  
high opened here this  
n, Mr Fred Peart, the  
minister, is expected to  
announce the terms that  
represent an essen-  
tial net for British  
also likely to press for  
community funds to help  
countryside pay for the  
respective better, which  
likely result from this  
annual price review. As  
stand, shop prices of  
beef are likely to rise by  
5p a pound in the  
od a further 1.5p in the  
basis for the talks will  
ies of recommendations  
European Commission  
price increase average  
per cent across the  
the impact of such rises  
consumer would be less  
per cent, the Commis-  
sioners.  
The rest of the Commu-  
nity, however, through  
the British "variable premium"  
scheme has shown good results,  
an exception to EEC rules in  
one member country is no  
longer justifiable.  
It is generally felt in Brussels  
that at the end of the day the  
British will be allowed to keep  
their special marketing system  
for another year at least. But, in  
his struggle to maintain the  
system, Mr Peart will be pre-  
sented from concentrating his  
attention on seeking other  
concessions.

Strasbourg  
hearing on  
'Little Red  
Schoolbook'

From Our Correspondent

Strasbourg, Jan 19  
A complaint against Britain  
over the seizure of the  
*Little Red Schoolbook* is shortly  
to be heard by the European  
Court of Human Rights, it was  
announced here today.

Mr Richard Handyside, the  
publisher, claims that the seizure  
of the book by the police in  
1971 and his subsequent con-  
viction under the Obscene Pub-  
lications Act of 1959 and 1964  
infringed his rights of freedom  
of expression and peaceful en-  
joyment of his possessions.

In April 1971, Mr Handyside  
intended to publish an  
English version of the Danish  
book which explains in detail a  
whole range of problems con-  
fronting schoolchildren from  
homework to sex and drugs.  
However, before publication  
numerous copies of the book  
were seized by the police and  
Mr Handyside was fined by the  
Lambeth magistrates court.

His appeal against conviction  
was dismissed by the Inner Lon-  
don Quarter Sessions in Octo-  
ber, 1971, the court having  
found that the book had a ten-  
dency to "deprave and corrupt"  
a significant proportion of the  
children likely to read it.  
Mr Handyside lodged a com-  
plaint in April 1972, against  
Britain with the European Com-  
mission of Human Rights which,  
after investigating the facts,  
recently referred the case to the  
court. The Commission's report  
remains confidential for the  
present pending the opening of  
the court's hearings.



Mr Wilson sitting in fraternal proximity to Mr Gylfi Gisslason, leader of the Icelandic Social Democrats, during the  
Eisnmore conference. The cod war was not on the agenda.

## Socialists split on cooperation with communists

From Geoffrey Dodd

Eisnmore, Jan 19

The leaders of 19 European  
socialist and social democratic  
parties split today on the ques-  
tion of cooperation with the  
communists in their countries.

On the closing day of their  
conference here, the arguments  
for continued cooperation—the  
view generally taken by the  
delegates from southern coun-  
tries—were voiced by M.  
François Mitterrand, of France.

He asked his colleagues to  
consider the political realities.  
"There are countries where  
the problem does not arise",  
he continued. "Where it exists,  
socialists had to continue to co-  
operate while maintaining  
their objective of preserving

and increasing democratic free-  
doms and rights".

The contradiction which some  
people saw in this dual effort  
was one about which French  
Socialists "preferred not to  
think". Rather, he said, they  
should concentrate their efforts  
on elevating the status of  
workers.

M. Mitterrand said that an  
important factor was the criti-  
cal attitude towards the Soviet  
Union which the communist  
parties in some countries had  
shown lately.

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the  
West German Chancellor, put  
the opposing view. The approach  
taken to communism intensifies  
would inevitably influence the

view taken of international  
affairs, he said. Furthermore it  
would influence the views taken  
by socialist parties in other  
countries.

Herr Schmidt gave a warning  
that cooperation with commu-  
nists would lead to "an inability  
to meet commitments to the  
Atlantic Alliance".

The meeting as a whole pro-  
duced few results, but rather  
yielded a series of statements  
of positions which will be taken  
up at later political meetings in  
Europe. Discussion was limited  
and Mr Wilson, the British  
Prime Minister, struck a res-  
ponsive chord when he began  
his statement on the problems  
of unemployment and inflation  
by remarking that there was as

least one current major growth  
industry—international confer-  
ences.

Discussing the European econ-  
omy as a whole, he said: "The  
objective must be growth that is  
steady and lasting and assured.  
In terms of output, there are  
now clear signs that the corner  
has been turned and the long  
haul back to full capacity work-  
ing has begun."

The parties agreed on the  
need for greater contact and  
coordination of their inter-  
national policies and for  
widening their approach to  
parties outside Europe. On  
Sunday they agreed to increase  
their aid to the Portuguese  
Socialist Party, and extend help  
to Spanish socialists as well.

Card-index  
case  
against Fiat  
postponed

From Our Own Correspondent

Rome, Jan 19

The long awaited prosecution  
of Fiat officials for allegedly  
card-indexing its workers with  
a view to political discrimina-  
tion opened today but was  
immediately adjourned in-  
definitely.

Counsel for seven of the 51  
accused, including the principal  
figure in the alleged security  
arrangements, produced medical  
certificates asserting that their  
clients were not well enough  
to appear. The public prosecu-  
tor suggested accepting two  
of the seven medical certificates  
and declaring the other five  
defendants in contempt of  
court.

The charges include allega-  
tions of corruption against  
leading figures in the Fiat  
organisation, among them a  
former managing director, for  
authorising payments to Car-  
abinieri and police officers in  
exchange for information about  
people employed by Fiat or  
applying to work there.

The case goes back to a trial  
in 1971 when a former employee  
of Fiat claimed that he had  
been dismissed wrongfully.  
During his trial he said that he  
had been employed by a section  
called "general services".  
Further investigation unearthed  
the basis of the allegations for  
the trial which should have  
taken place today.

The Fiat officials were ex-  
pected to argue that their investi-  
gations were necessary because  
of the firm's military contracts.

w sides with sect after  
ents' rescue effort

Richard Wigg

Jan 19

Police commissioners  
at the home of a middle-  
class couple at the week-  
end to release their  
old daughter and let her  
to the religious sect  
from she has chosen to

ther with 15 other like-  
parents, the father and  
of Mlle Marie-Christiane  
went on Saturday to  
wered Manor, a sumptu-  
ous property at St. Germain  
d'Or, a Lyons suburb,  
a local headquarters of  
the, and forcibly carried  
alleged that their daugh-  
ter used to teach handi-  
crafts, had been  
ashed by the followers of  
young Moon, a 56-year-old  
and founder of the self-  
Association for the Uni-  
of World Christianity",  
seven "houses" in  
and claims 1,000 young  
rs in this country.

police call, in a country  
young people now attain  
majority at 18, was at the  
of the sect acting fully  
French law. But it has  
dramatically the contro-  
versy and the sect which  
is active in France for  
year.

groups of young ad-  
similarly abandoned  
comes in Brittany last  
local parents' organiza-  
were formed to try to  
further "victims" and  
oman Catholic Church,  
h Cardinal Gouyon, Arch-

bishop of Rennes, condemned  
the sect as "anti-Christian".

Subsequently, Cardinal Marty,  
Archbishop of Paris, asserted  
that the sect was "a menace  
for the liberty of conscience  
and for the good faith of the  
young".

An inquiry was opened by the  
Ministry of the Interior into  
the sect's activities but no  
action has followed for it would  
appear perfectly legal.

The parents of Mlle Amadeo  
arrived at the "Flowered  
Manor" where some 10 young  
people live, just as their  
daughter was telling reporters  
that she had chosen her new  
way of life in complete  
freedom. Her parents alleged,  
however, that she had been  
initially changed by the life led  
by the community and she had  
intended to submit her to  
medical treatment if they could  
have kept her at home.

Cardinal Marty declared  
recently that the sect, which  
began to propagate in Asia in  
the 1950s, was "dangerous"  
because it submitted young  
people "to heavy doses of  
indoctrination, without respect-  
ing liberty".

The sect is run in France  
by M. Jean Blanchard, a 33-  
year-old former communist.  
According to reports here, the  
sect submits its young followers  
to a rigorous communal life  
with intense sessions of prayer  
and instruction. It insists they  
break with their families, and  
prepare themselves for the  
coming re-Christianization of  
the whole world. Sun Myung  
Moon lives in the United States.

en bombs  
lode in  
h Portugal

n, Jan 19.—Seven bombs  
d in north Portugal to-  
the political parties be-  
ding their proposals for  
civilian "power" in  
cent to the military  
ionary Council.  
The police said bombs  
d a building housing a  
ist Party headquarters  
a do Castelo; two cars  
homes owned by left-  
Viseu; the home of a  
unist in Bragança;  
home of a leftist in  
irso.  
party proposals were  
up in response to a  
ered by the military to  
parties a bigger say in  
ent.

Pakistan officer  
admits he  
brought in drug

Stockholm, Jan 19.—A Paki-  
stan Air Force lieutenant has  
admitted bringing into Sweden  
one of two suitcases full of  
hashish seized on Thursday  
night from a Pakistan transport  
aircraft, police said today.  
The lieutenant, aged 30, said  
that the suitcase was entrusted  
to him in Saudi Arabia, but that  
he was unaware it contained  
40 lbs of narcotics. He knew  
nothing of the second suitcase  
containing about 44 lbs of hash-  
ish.

An investigating magistrate  
was continuing interrogation of  
16 officers and four airmen. He  
must decide by tomorrow  
whether to charge any of them.  
—Agence France-Presse.

ay in fitting 'lorry spies'  
be queried by EEC

Our Own Correspondent

Jan 19

European Community is  
to open legal pro-  
ceedings against the British  
not for failing to im-  
Community measures  
to monitor the work-  
of lorry drivers. Simi-  
s are expected to be  
against the other new-  
to the EEC, Ireland  
mark.

ey are unlikely to be  
before the European  
Justice in Luxem-  
burg is because EEC  
this is because EEC  
in Brussels expect all  
agents to explain that  
every intention of  
their legal obligations  
s possible.  
irs to the three states,  
mission is expected to  
they have failed to  
t EEC rules making  
lication of tachographs  
be of new lorries obli-  
the beginning of  
r. The tachograph,  
s been dubbed "the  
e cab" by suspicious  
vers, measures speed,  
ance, non-driving and  
ds.  
the terms of Article  
Treaty of Rome, any

member state which has failed  
to fulfil a treaty obligation, is  
given a month's grace to sub-  
mit its observations. The  
Commission then decides  
whether or not further action  
is required.

All three countries have  
made it clear that they have  
no fundamental objections to  
the installation of tachographs,  
but have pleaded for more  
time to consult manufacturers  
and trade unions. The British  
have also blamed the EEC  
referendum for their slowness  
in preparing for the January 1  
deadline.

Only the Irish specifically  
requested a delay which was  
rejected by the Commission  
last month. The British and  
the Danes were apparently  
given private assurances by the  
Commission that a court case  
would be avoided. If they  
showed their willingness to act  
as soon as possible.

But all three newcomers  
were granted a breathing space  
of at least six months for  
introducing new EEC restric-  
tions on the hours worked by  
lorry drivers. This released  
them from their legal obliga-  
tions to reduce driving hours  
from 10 to 8 a day from the  
beginning of the year.

ON FRIDAY, THERE WAS  
A DEBATE IN THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS ON  
SMOKING AND HEALTH.

THE MINISTER OF STATE  
(HEALTH) ASKED FOR  
A STEADY REDUCTION IN  
CIGARETTES OF:-

1. TAR YIELD

2. CARBON MONOXIDE

3. NICOTINE

THE SILK CUT RANGE  
IS ALREADY:-

\*1. LOW IN TAR (as defined by  
H.M. Government)

\*2. LOW IN CARBON MONOXIDE

\*3. LOW IN NICOTINE (as defined by  
H.M. Government)

\*Silk Cut has done all this through its special ventilated filter system,  
combined with specially selected tobaccos.

SILK  
CUT

The mild cigarette.

LOW TAR As defined by H.M. Government  
EVERY PACKET CARRIES A GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING



## OVERSEAS

# MPLA spokesman rules out plan for a government of national unity to end Angola war

From Nicholas Ashford  
Luanda, Jan 19

The Marxist-orientated Popular Movement (MPLA) is pressing for an all-out victory against the two rival nationalist movements in the Angolan civil war. There will be no compromise between it and either the National Front (FNLA) or the Union for Total Independence (Unita).

This was made clear in an interview today with Senhor Joao Filipe Martins, the minister of information of the People's Republic of Angola (MPLA). He said: "We have always stated that the FNLA and Unita are our enemies. There is only one movement in Angola and that is the MPLA."

The minister said the movement's aim in the north was to drive the FNLA into Zaire, an objective which, according to the latest military reports from the area, it has already virtually achieved.

In the south, he added, the MPLA would continue its advance until it had pushed Unita and its South African allies out of the country. He said the MPLA was going to take Nova Lisboa, Benguela and Lobito. Once we have taken these towns, Unita will be finished.

Senator Martins dismissed the proposal, supported by half the members of the Organisation of African Unity at last week's

Addis Ababa summit as well as by many Western Countries, that a government of national unity should be created between the three movements. The MPLA could not be expected to collaborate with groups being backed by Zaire and South Africa.

The minister was confident that the MPLA's Soviet and Cuban backers would continue to provide sufficient military support and to meet any military escalation the opposing side might attempt. Although no firm assurances had been given to the MPLA, he pointed out that the communist states had backed the North Vietnamese during years of fighting and would behave similarly towards the MPLA.

How long the conflict was likely to last "depends on the United States as the United States is involved in the war in Angola". He accused Washington of operating an economic boycott against the Luanda regime. He cited the closure of Gulf Oil's operations in Cabinda and America's refusal to supply two Boeing 747s to Angola "even though we have already paid for these planes". He claimed that the United States was in possession of about £500m, largely royalties from the Cabinda fields, which rightfully belonged to Angola.

A forecast that the MPLA will mop up the last remnants

of FNLA opposition within about two weeks was made today by Commander "Juju" Julio de Almeida, the MPLA's official military spokesman.

MPLA forces were continuing to advance towards San Antonio do Zaire and Sao Salvador and also on the town on Maquelo do Zombo on the main road from Kinshasa, the capital of Zaire, to Angola. This road is used for transporting military equipment from Zaire to the FNLA.

In the south, he said the main battle line was along the Quere River, which runs east from the port of Novo Redondo, still in Unita hands. Although the MPLA was advancing on this front, its progress had been slowed because Unita and the South Africans had been blowing up bridges as they fell back. Significantly, a Soviet cargo ship in Luanda harbour has been unloading amphibious craft and bridge-building equipment during the past few days.

Commander de Almeida said the MPLA forces were facing about 2,500 South African troops on this front. He claimed the South Africans had been using 130mm cannon, 120mm mortars as well as Panther armoured cars equipped with 90mm guns. Most of the fighting had been done by South Africans rather than Unita, he said.

## Lebanese students blame the President

From Our Correspondent  
Cairo, Jan 19

More than 200 Lebanese students today occupied their Cairo embassy in protest against the civil war in Lebanon and the resignation of Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister. They later left peacefully after explaining their views to Mr Muhammad Sabra, the Ambassador.

The six took place against intensifying armed conflict in Lebanon between rightists and leftists. The students issued a statement in which they said they held President Suleiman Frangieh responsible for the explosive situation in the country. They condemned the intervention of the Lebanese Army at the Phalangist side against the Palestinians and leftist factions.

The statement said the six was in protest against "massacres, tragedies and sabotage perpetrated in Lebanon by Phalangist and National Liberal Party gangs. Both are carrying out a conspiracy against Lebanon's unity, the Palestinian resistance movement and the Arabs at large."

Lebanese developments, including the resignation of Mr Karami, respected as a moderate who did his best to resolve the conflict, cause deep concern in Cairo. Last night, a Chibout statement denounced "irresponsible acts by some Phalangist elements against Palestinian refugees, camps, and attempts to drag the Lebanese Army into the conflict against the Palestinians".

It called for a constructive dialogue between the warring factions and emphasised the importance of the Palestinian presence in Lebanon. Observers believed that this thinly-veiled warning against any attempt to liquidate the Palestinian presence.

The Cabinet statement said: "Egypt reaffirms that the Palestinian presence in Lebanon is an extension to the Palestinian cause, which is a national liberation, which pledged to consolidate and strengthen it until the Palestinian people recover their legitimate rights."

Mr Ismail Fahmy, the Foreign Minister, told the People's Assembly that Egypt was prepared to mediate to end the Lebanese conflict; but he added that any individual or collective Arab action should be preceded by a ceasefire and Lebanon's approval.

Observers believed that if Egypt's good offices were accepted, it would first urge all Lebanese factions to sit together and try to settle their differences, including a reform of the Lebanese present system which President Sadat said was wrong.

Once the Lebanese settled their differences, which should include an accepted Government formula, they should then turn to the Lebanese people and try to settle their differences, including a reform of the Lebanese present system which President Sadat said was wrong.

President Sadat was holding prolonged consultations with his senior aides on the Lebanon crisis. He instructed Mr Lutfi Metwalli, the Egyptian Ambassador in Beirut, whom he recalled to report on developments, to return to his post with Lebanon's leaders in an attempt to end the civil war.

Our Jerusalem Correspondent writes: Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Defence Minister, gave a warning today that if Syria intervened in the Lebanese fighting, Israel would have to take defensive measures to ensure its security. His brief comment was quoted by Israel radio.

Newspapers earlier had given prominence to reports that units of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) were being sent to Lebanon from Syria. The reports, quoting only "authoritative sources", said the troops had not been actively engaged in fighting and were assumed not to be numerically strong enough to sway the balance in the civil war; but the papers speculated that the move might pre-empt direct Syrian intervention.

The reports noted that two PLA brigades were trained by the Syrian Army, and recalled that in September, 1970, PLA units fought against the Jordanian army on the side of Palestinian guerrillas who were driven from their bases in refugee camps.

The military correspondent of the Reuters said that Syria had avoided direct military intervention in Lebanon because it wanted to keep its role as mediator. It was also said that Syria had been threatened by the threat of a counter move by Israel.



A solemn moment at Lloyd's yesterday when the Lutine bell was struck to announce the loss of a ship for only the second time since 1947.

## Lutine bell tolls for biggest loss in shipwreck history

By Philip Howard

The Lutine bell stroke on the bell at Lloyd's yesterday confirmed that the insurers accept the loss of the supertanker *Berge Isara*.

The thousands of underwriters, who had bought a share in its insurance, will now set about collecting the money and sending it to the owners of the ship, *Sig Bergesen D.V.* of Oslo. They say that it will be the most expensive maritime claim in the history of shipwreck.

The *Berge Isara* (227,556 tons), built to carry oil or dry cargo, was en route with 188,000 tons of iron ore from Brazil to Japan, where it was due to arrive on January 5.

About 70 per cent of the insurance cover for the hull and machinery, amounting to more than £5m, is carried by underwriters in London, either with Lloyd's or the insurance company of the *Berge Isara* in 1963, and the death of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965.

It is the ship's bell of HMS *Lutine*, a captured French warship, recommissioned by the British Navy. The bell left Yarmouth for Holland in October, 1799, with bullion and specie to the value of some £500,000. That same night it was wrecked on a sandbank off the Zuyder Zee with the loss of every soul on board save one, who died as soon as rescued.

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seems probable, the *Berge Isara* has gone to the bottom of the Mindanao Trench six miles down, one of the deepest chasms in the ocean floor. It may have left only unrecognisable wreckage behind.

The jubilation ceremony of the Lutine bell tolling that the ship was lost once it was confirmed as having been lost. Lloyd's yesterday accepted the recovery of the two survivors as confirmation of the loss.

Lloyd's official said: "A boat has been discounted. Firm news has been received that the vessel has sunk. If the survivors' story had been at all doubtful or garbled, the bell would not have been rung."

The hull for the *Berge Isara* was only the second time in nearly 50 years that the Lutine bell has been struck once for a lost ship, though there were ceremonial strokes to signal the death of President Kennedy in 1963, and the death of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965.

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## Editors deny having spies on their staffs

By Roger Berthoud

With more or less one voice, the editors of Britain's national newspapers yesterday denied that they knowingly employed any foreign correspondent who also served an intelligence agency.

The charge was made in a letter, printed in *The Times* yesterday, from Mr Bernard Nossiter, London correspondent of the *Washington Post*. He alleged that "the lives of foreign correspondents are endangered by editors who permit or encourage their reporters to serve two masters, a newspaper and an intelligence agency."

There was general agreement among the editors in whom I spoke that it would be impossible to vouch for the purity of every single "stringer" (non-staff correspondent) in every capital around the world. It was, however, not easy to arrange a form of "positive vetting", as Mr Freddie Fisher, editor of the *Financial Times*, pointed out. "But we do go to considerable trouble to satisfy ourselves as far as possible that such things do not arise", he said.

"I have never known of anyone employed by this newspaper (as a staff correspondent) who has been an agent either for this country or a foreign power."

William Rees-Mogg, editor of *The Times*, commented: "No one on the staff of *The Times* is permitted, let alone encouraged, to serve an intelligence agency, and I have never met any editor who would have permitted his staff to engage in intelligence work." *The Sunday Times* printed a similar column.

Mr William Deedes of the *Daily Telegraph* was the only editor who preferred not to comment: mainly, it seems, out of respect for the fairness of even an editor's knowledge. Mr Peter Pearson, new editor of *The Guardian*, said: "Obviously we endeavour and expect and hope to employ people working only for *The Guardian*. Where stringers are serving a variety of other masters, we hope they are bona fide journalistic enterprises."

There were forthright denials from the deputy editor and foreign editor of the *Daily Express* and *Daily Mail* respectively.

Mr Andrew Knight, editor of *The Economist*, said: "Mr Nossiter cannot be referring to us. Any form of correspondent who was known to have anything to do with an intelligence agency would be out on his neck."

Lurking at the back of suspicious American minds may well be the case of Kim Philby, the double agent who was

working in Beirut as the correspondent of *The Observer* and *The Economist* when he vanished to the safety of the Soviet Union.

Mr Donald Tyerman, who was then editor of *The Economist*, recalled yesterday that Philby had been under "suspicion as being the 'third man' in the Burgess and Maclean case, and had been publicly exonerated (in November, 1955) in the Commons by Mr Macmillan, then Foreign Secretary."

After that a number of his friends approached *The Economist* and said he wanted a job in the Middle East to carry on his father's business interests. Simultaneously, Mr Tyerman said, he was asked by old friends, *The Observer* and *The Economist*, to take over the Foreign Office. He knew the Foreign Office, he said, and I would no more have employed him than if the C.I. or K.G.B. had asked him. On his experience, it is not a habit of respectable people consciously to employ intelligence agents."

Mr Tyerman said that had, as a director, been asked the Foreign Office to provide a letter of accreditation cover for young so-and-so going off to Africa. America but has always refused.

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## Rhodesia talks postponed

Salisbury, Jan 19.—Resumption of constitutional talks between Rhodesia's white minority Government and black nationalists has been postponed by mutual agreement, according to a spokesman for the African National Congress faction led by Mr Joshua Nkomo.

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## Dr Cassidy describes electric shock torture and prison 'sex house'

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## THE ARTS



Max Ernst: Owl, 1955, and right, Klaus Rinke: New Urban Landscape, 1975

## The importance of being Ernst

The huge Max Ernst retrospective which I reviewed when it was shown at the Grand Palais in Paris last summer did not really help his reputation. Ernst is an enigmatic and elusive artist who works better on a small scale. His graphic work is generally superior to his painting, and the excellent exhibition of this now at the ICA, shows him at his best. It has been organized by Roland Penrose, who is an old friend of Ernst. Old friends are often not the ideal people to select an artist's work; but Penrose has chosen rigorously and well. A smaller version of the exhibition has been mounted in the regions, and for the ICA show, which continues until February 29, a considerable number of extra works have been added.

Ernst was born and grew up in Cologne, a city in which, as he has written, "Many of the important crossroads of European culture meet: influences of the early Mediterranean, Western, northern, Eastern, and the influence of the North, the Prussian categorical imperative, the ideals of the French Revolution, and so forth." The collage technique he evolved in the twenties gave visual form to the overlapping of these different and often contradictory cultural forces. Ernst combined ready-made graphic images from nineteenth and early twentieth-century sources, ranging from engraved illustrations to catalogues of goods and machinery. Another technique was "frottage" (rubbing) like brass rubbing, but applied to all manner of textured surfaces, natural and man-made. Using this, Ernst made the prints for his 1920s "Waterways" series, which shows him at his most inventive and imaginative, and

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## A grand and lively Mass

## B minor Mass Festival Hall

## Alan Blyth

Such a large-scale, old-fashioned performance of Bach's *Mass in B minor* as was given at the Festival Hall on Sunday may before long become an anachronism, may already seem one to those who have enjoyed more authentic ones. But if it is to be done in the grand way, let it be done with the conviction brought to it under Bernard Haitink on this occasion.

Haitink was not overawed by the solemnity or reverence attaching to the work and so favoured crisp, forward-moving tempi, always concentrating on the flow and line of the phrases and encouraging the London Philharmonic Choir, well trained to the starting post by John Aldis, to articulate crisply and to emphasize such relevant individual points as the plainsong of the basses in the "Confiteor". The chorus altogether was a touchstone of Haitink's approach, clear, to the point, no nonsense.

That led to reservations about the interpretation as a whole. Lively speeds sometimes meant unthinking over-confidence in the choir's singing, which in turn produced some occasional raucous passages from the men's

sections. It also reduced the central "Et incarnatus est" and "Crucifixus" to almost matter-of-fact status, as if everyone had forgotten the import of those crucial passages in their concern for merely musical matters. There were also more than a few moments when it was clear that the orchestra had had much less rehearsal time at its disposal than the chorus. Too many specialist groups have made us impatient of this kind of soggy Bach playing; nor had the various obbligato (Nicholas Busch in "Quoniam" excepted) any more character.

The two ladies blended and contrasted well. Dorothea Deas and Miss Procter brought all experience and sincerity to bear on the "Agnus Dei", where for once a tempo was on the slow side. Peter Fears's quiet intensely personal account of the "Benedictus" might have been more telling in more intimate surroundings.

Her ear for sonority was scarcely less of an asset in Prokofiev's second sonata in D minor. There was no trace of the perceptive clarity so often meted out by each thematic strand was attractively coloured and clearly outlined, with ringing rhythm adding to the immediacy of the interpretation.

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## Cristina Ortiz Queen Elizabeth Hall

## Joan Chissell

The recital in the South Bank Sunday piano series was given not by Horacio Gutierrez, who was ill, but by the young Brazilian, Cristina Ortiz, who won the Van Cliburn Competition in 1969 aged 15. Although appearing at short notice, she showed no sign of strain. It was a pleasure to hear playing at once so fluid, so imaginative, so tonally beguiling.

The programme was pianistic rather than intellectual: Albeniz, Debussy, Scriabin and Prokofiev were all pianists themselves, aware of the tonal and textural effect. It certainly played into the hands of this young artist and it was good for a Sunday afternoon, never the best time for *Hannibal*.

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## Pears/Bream St John's/Radio 3

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The BBC is not allowing England to forget that one of its greatest song-writers and composers died exactly 50 years ago. John Dowland is the composer of the week, to be enjoyed on Radio 3 every morning at five past nine. And besides David Munrow's tribute in *Pied Piper* yesterday afternoon, Pears and Bream, who came to St John's, Smith Square, with a choice programme of music for voice and lute in the Monday series of lunch-time recitals.

No one in the large audience would have been content with one or two favourites such as "I saw my lady weep" and "Sorrow, stay!" both done with hyper-sensitive response to mourning and falling tension in the words—Dowland had the good fortune to be born into the golden age of verse and with exquisitely tapered phrasing. But the programme also rescued several less frequently heard

songs, including "His golden locks" and "Die not before thy day", which, with its arresting individual accompaniment, Dowland's way of treating the lute as an equal partner. Tempting as it might have been to dwell on melancholy introspection, so much the composer made this mood his own, Air Pears did in fact hold the balance with several songs too, including the dashing "What if I never speed" and "Come away, come sweet love". "Shall I sue" brought an anxious moment, but it passed in a flash. The only regret was that here and there a verse was cut so that the programme should not overrun. Mr Bream, as imaginatively responsive a colleague as could be found this side of heaven, also played three lute Fantasias with masterly clarity in counterpoint, dazzling dexterity in virtuosic flights, but most important of all a deep awareness of the music's expressive content, and most notably in the poignant "Romantic start to 'Forlorn hope' some would say the richest fantasia of them all.

## Cyrano on Concorde

The balcony scene from the Chichester Festival Theatre production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, by Edmond Rostand, translated by Christopher Fry and starring Keith Michell as Cyrano, Barbara Jefford as Roxane and Christopher Caze-

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Jon Weaving, Noel Mangin and Norman Welsby

## The pleasures of evensong

## Twilight of the Gods Coliseum

## Stephen Walsh

Britain's first Ring cycle of the century came to its shabby end on Saturday. It would be churlish to grumble too much about the (as they now seem) modish aspects of a production which once struck us all as so chic. The little steel world-kitchen in which Brünnhilde potters around no doubt preparing supper for a Siegfried-Gunther at the end of Act I is perhaps a comment on her future role as cosmic housewife. Unfortunately the evening, because Koltai built his complicated sets out of tin foil.

But many visual delights remain. I cannot explain, conceptually, the mirror headdress, but it certainly does exciting things, particularly for the choral groups, and the culminating set

piece, the funeral procession, surely the grandest musical-visual moment in all opera. Robert Ornbo's lighting also stands up excellently. The twilight in which the action already moved is subtle and many-faceted, like a slow sunset, and Hagen's interview with Alberich, villainous faces in a pool of blackness, is mastery. These days one enjoys Wagner at the Coliseum almost as a matter of course, so high is the prevailing musical standard. But Saturday's was a bit better average. Jon Weaving's Siegfried has many virtues: a certain ease and frankness of manner, a handsome presence, and a feeling for the heroic phrase. But vocally it cannot be considered adequate, failing to ride even a medium orchestra. Mr Weaving is dwarfed in every way by Rita Hunter's Brünnhilde. Here she was not in her richest voice, and yet there remained a wonderful assurance in her delivery of even the highest paragraphs. The immolation was extremely

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## SPORT

## Tennis

## Prize distribution day should be more satisfying at Wimbledon

By Rex Bellamy  
Tennis Correspondent

The prize money for the Wimbledon tennis championships, to be played from June 21 to July 3, has been increased by £36,350 from £108,375 to £144,725. The men's money has been raised by £22,800 to £57,550, the women's by £13,550 to £27,775. The prize money is distributed in 100 per cent increments of 60 per cent and 40 per cent, which should satisfy most of those who have studied all the factors involved in allocating a fair proportion to each sex.

In terms of percentage increases to the various events, the women's doubles (up £2,500) has benefited most, followed by order by the mixed doubles (£1,500), the women's singles (£18,700), the men's doubles (£2,500), the women's singles (£10,000), the women's prize (£700), and the men's prize (£350). This is a welcome small step in the right direction. But the percentages granted to all three doubles events remain grossly unjust. Of the five main events the three receive £113,500, the two doubles £22,800. Such a huge disparity is indefensible.

The first prizes have all been increased, the women's singles achieving five figures and standing £12,500 behind the men's, which means that the gap has been slightly closed. The mixed doubles winners will receive £2,000, the amount awarded to the men's singles champion at the first open Wimbledon in 1968.

In addition to the £36,350 prize money, Wimbledon's contribution to the bonus pool for the men's grand prize series has been increased by £1,500 to £12,500. This means that, directly or indirectly, £40,115 of extra money will go into the men's pockets. But administrators have gone up and the revenue from commercial concessions has also helped Wimbledon to put more into the kitty.

When viewed in relation to the rest of the international circuit, the prize money at its greatest festival is not as inflated as a first glance may suggest. It has to be remembered that Wimbledon is a long and long tournament, more than most, and that its rewards are therefore more widely scattered and amount to two weeks' earnings instead of one. Prestige can be a doorway to financial gain. But it does not, in itself, pay the mortgage.

Another factor is the success of World Team Tennis (WTT), the American inter-city league competition. WTT is tightening its grip on the summer tennis scene, and the Wimbledon players, who no longer need to be quite so flexible in granting their prize money, are being threatened unless their rewards continue to match its reputation. The belief that tennis players would always compete at Wimbledon, come what may, was shattered by the 1973 boycott.

In this respect the formation of the European Tennis Association (ETA) and their dramatic revival of the men's team competition for the King's Cup, running from January to March, are welcome indications that the European game is at last organizing its defences against American temptations to the players.

The men's professional tennis council (a partnership between the Association of Tennis Professionals and the International Lawn Tennis Federation) are working constructively in an attempt to ensure that professional tennis remains a world game, rather than being dominated by one continent. World Championship Tennis are keeping faith with their international concept, and the American women's tour is pushing its itinerary across the seas. But the European summer season badly needs coordinating more tightly in order to present the players with an interesting and profitable package. It is to this end that the ETA must address themselves.

Details of Wimbledon prizemoney

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## Even Swell descends to right level

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laugh Novices Hurdle Jumbo Vix-  
kinson's Sir Christopher is first  
choice. Last week at Newcastle  
he came against Gaelle, a young  
bull trainee by the name of  
this form could be good.  
At Wolverhampton it may not  
be necessary to look beyond Jumbo  
Francome's mount, Aspire, for the  
first division and the division of  
the Bridgnoton Novices Hurdle.  
A fortnight ago he ran for the first  
time over hurdles, came in third  
and was well liked for his val-  
lance at the last flight to win  
his race by a length. For the  
first time in his career he  
sounded choice. He is running  
for the first time in England but  
on his last run at Naas in November  
he was impressed by the style in  
which he won a £1,000 novice  
event.

Barry's Best, third in his last  
two races, may come out  
in the big field for the three-  
mile Bewdley Novices Steeple-  
chase, a race in which it would be  
difficult to find a horse of more in-  
terest to a minimum. I expect Mr.  
Sam Morshead, the leading  
trainer to ride his 15th winner  
on Fred Riden's horse, the  
Chelmarsh Handicap  
Steeplechase (3.15).

STATE OF COING      (continued)

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## Morley's happy problem

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Frank Leavy, who took a heavy tumble when Billyo came down at the start of the 1925 Grand National Steeplechase, was brought back unconscious and taken to Wolverhampton Royal Hospital suffering from a fractured skull. He was, however, well on the favourite, The Norseman, in the same race was shaken, and missed further rides during the

## Wolverhampton programme

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Bob Barker, ch. g. by Even Money (Crash), 1810	Mr Savin, b. m. by King's Choice, 1810

**Mr A Midway-Midway (12-1-3)**

**ALSD RAN:** 6-2 f.a. Court Melody  
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**TOTE Win 11.05. 2nd 28. 3rd**  
**nsp. R. Head. at Lambourn 1st. II.**

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**1-25 2nd 28. STOURHEAD HURDLE**  
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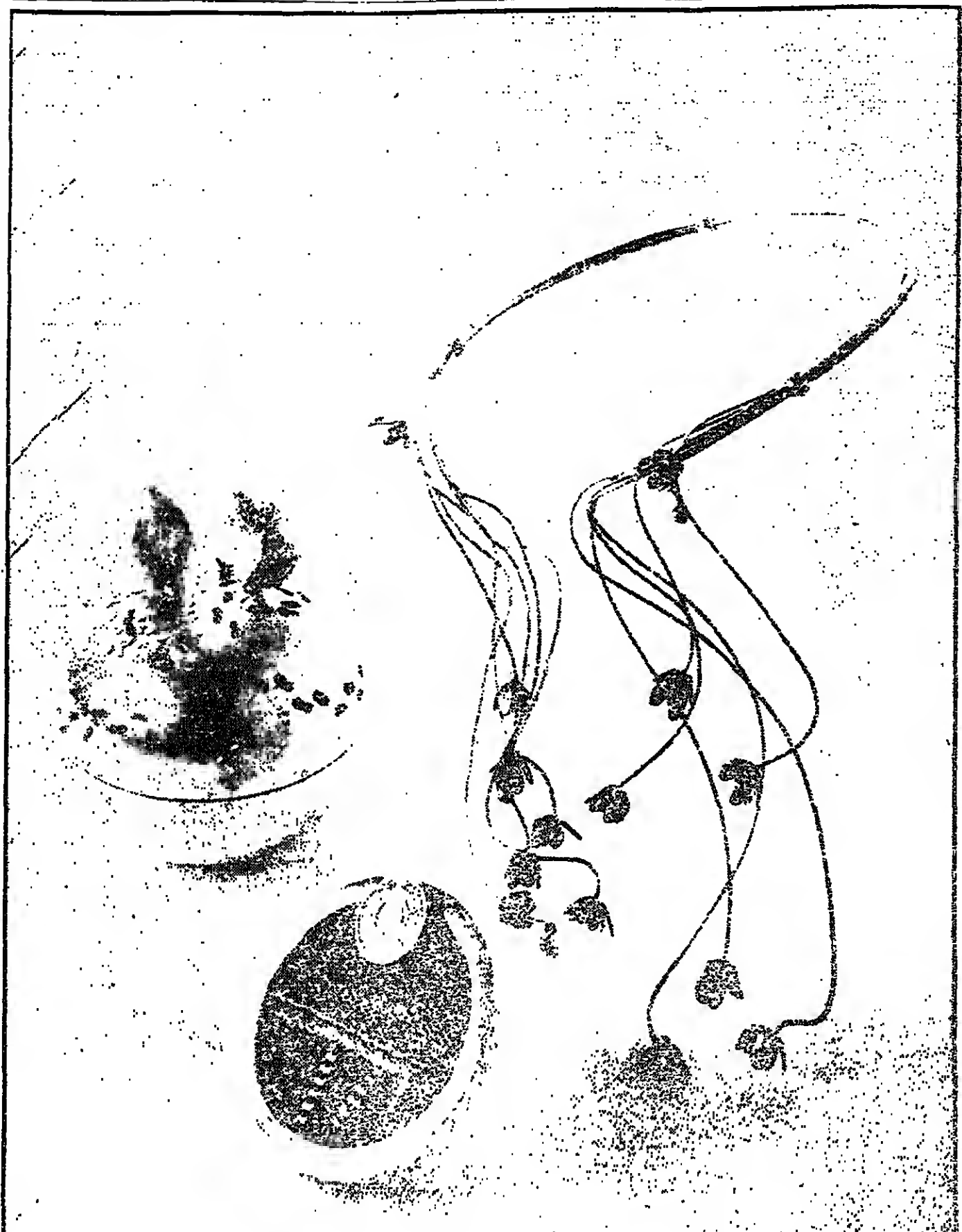
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## by Prudence Glvnn



Harvey and Tracy Surden

**Three exhibits from the current show of jewelry by students of the Northern Ireland Polytechnic at the Design Centre, Havymarket.**

*(The show closes on January 31)*

Blue Jeans memorabilia brooch, by Gerrard Madden.

**Globular silver box featuring children feeding birds, by Harriet Innis**

**Delicate wire spray necklace tipped with flowers, by Par Young**

The  
Cresta  
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Winifred Sailer  
practising what she will preach at  
Cresta in a soft olive jersey dress  
and cordigan.

On February 1, one of the most shrewd women in British retailing—and though the lack of quantity of such females must be constantly deplored it is no way a denigration of the qualities of those there—takes over the control of one of the shrewdest retailing concerns in the country. Miss Winifred Sainer becomes managing director of the Cressa shops.

One glance at the problems of success in retailing has always been a personality identified business—problems which have been “substantial” according to the founder of the modern Cressa, Eric Crabtree, and which have certainly been apparent to this observer—are solved. After 10 years’ experience in retailing, Miss Sainer actually looks 10 years younger than she did when she went there, because this is the way that fashion and make-up and attitude have moved. I do not think I need to spell out why she will be in sight for the

Had she ever shopped there? I asked. "As a matter of fact, I don't think I ever have, or not consciously anyway. But in 12 months' time I'd hope to be able to get all my things from there."

Eric Crabtree, now the fingeing of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, the Danish Group, took control of Cresta 24 years ago. Originally it was a business specializing in hand-blocked fabrics, with 18 shops "intellectual and arty, owned by dedicated and delightful people, with its own printworks and factory."

It was also distinctly unsuccessful, dedication and artistry proving once again, alas, to be no match for the realities of commerce. Eric Crabtree bought the company, cheaply, he thinks, for the Howardsgate Trust, but with an option to take up personal control if he wanted. He did. The Howardsgate Trust had been focused on the distinguished wanker, Ebenezer Howard, to build a new dawn in environmental satisfaction in the form of garden cities (it built Welwyn), and when this conglomerate of domestic bliss and high-minded dressmaking was sold to Carfield Weston's ABC Foods company, Eric Crabtree exercised his option to buy Cresta.

Immediately he set out on a fashion crusade which was to prove exceptionally beneficial all round. Deciding that the young and stock-sized were already well catered for in the postwar flourish of British fashion, Mr Crabtree turned his attention to a less competitive area. The somewhat older, taller, more solid English rose. In her he gave elegant, well priced, well made, well cut suits, and coats and dresses and jackets and things just right for the morning bazaar and attending to the social days and playing the bridge and entertaining one's husband's business colleagues.

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Winifred Sailer  
practising what she still preach at  
Cresta in a soft olive jersey dress  
and cordigan.

Photograph by Burn Reid

Confident and calm in the knowledge  
that what they had so confidently reflected  
high fashion of the moment—well, the  
moment anyway—before giving any  
possible opportunity for criticism because

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of both the bridegroom's mother and sister at the wedding of Princess Anna.

I myself think that Cresta performed a magnificent service to its particular consumer. Its loyal customers were legion, its value and its cost to the maker were high enough to make another fashion period of the past few years. But it was the brain-child of one very clever man with sharp antennae, and when he was gathered to the grandeur that is Debenhams the had, of course, already made Harry Amies the most famous and profitable of the haute couture names. I felt that Cresta accomplished its purpose.

Finally, come the safety of the "camouflage" dress, so beloved in its rapid construction and disciplined lines by the body-conscious Englishwoman.

Fashion now is sort and fluid and revealing, immodestly flattering or impossible to wear, depending on your point of view, and your attitude is to your own appearance. It is a new thing, this "joker" fashion, because nobody wants to be thought duller. As Franco Zeffirelli said to me, the span of middle age is 25 to 60, and the same basic styles of dress are appropriate to all. Sophistication, constructed elegance, are at a discount now, as is both conspicuous elegance and, as a result, the desire to find a "joker" workman sort of dress which Winifred Sainor so rightly calls "conspicuous-thrift". Wearing parodies of verticollous is only funny when there is lots of work to be had; hence the demise, in the high style sense, of blue denim and jeans.

It is precisely these points that worried Sainor so well. She appreciates the practical nature of her customers' concerns. She is sympathetic without being fussing, argumentative, or overbearing. She is able to listen to her customers' needs and have her customers look, modern and charming without having to trek all round the city to find what does with what, and she is infinitely aware that, although women want to be confident even in casual clothes, excessive bling-bling or the discussion of such problems is not socially sustainable now. Her job, she thinks, is to provide translations, and she does. She has hopes of exclusive looks, which is a mix of the style and colour of a traditional fashion, but which take into consideration the demands for better quality, better cut, durability, and so on. Her sympathetic construction, then, is the

She knows, in most of us, that even if you are physically in perfect trim, Mensendieck followers to a certain age you may be still 10 or 12 inches, but you are still 10 or 12 in different places. If you are under 18, it is, of course, the art which the great authorities understood so well—of selection, in the measurements, of dress shown on a model of 1939 or 1940. "I 45, I think Winifred Slater understood it very well too." After all, she says, "if you're interested in fashion, you're









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## DEFENCE TO THE FOREFRONT

mandating a further sacrifice in defence spending in 1977-80, Mr Healey performed a service for the chiefs of staff might as end be grateful. He has defence once more to the out of public debate, turn a share of the country's resources into a major policy. The appointment of Mr Healey to the shadow portfolio, led by Mrs Thatcher's speech at Kensington Hall yesterday indicates the Opposition intend to it that way. The indications that Mr Mason, Secretary of Defence, no mean feat of his cause, has won something of a victory in Cabinet by restricting projected cuts in his budget level which is at least feasible. Nevertheless the position to regard defence as a ritual lamb, which can be killed or at least hacked without too much fuss, has proved itself to be a conservative, as Labour. The fight which is being mounted to give the rump, is timely and one.

Thatcher points out that Soviet Union has quadrupled its nuclear submarine force in the past ten years and is building at the rate of one

nuclear submarine a month. Its navy, she argues, is not designed for self-defence. We do not have to imagine nuclear war or even conventional war in order to see how such a force could be used for political purposes. To place her speech in perspective, it should be added that the approximate parity at present exists between East and West and has done so for several years. Military leaders in the West must formulate their plans upon worst-case assumptions, but then so must the Russians. There are two runners in the arms race and to point to the continuing build-up in Soviet defence is not to postulate an Eastern thrust for Armageddon. Nevertheless there has been complacency in the West, most recently manifested perhaps by the fashionable disclosure of names in the CIA and the general attack on that organization. Without entering into the moral or political arguments, the trend indicates a general feeling in the West that all is well and evermore will be so—despite the nagging doubts which have been fostered by recent events.

The event which deserves most attention and to which Mrs Thatcher very properly refers, is the civil war in Angola—where according to one report from Washington the Soviet Union has spent about £100m on the MPLA during the past nine months and

flowed in up to 7,000 Cuban troops. Mrs Thatcher does not make it clear what exactly the West should do about Angola, beyond arguing for the extension of Nato interests beyond the Tropic of Cancer. But the readiness of the Russians to fish in such distant troubled waters is an uneasy reminder of a facet of Soviet foreign policy which belies the spirit, if not the substance, of détente. Mrs Thatcher's general concern will be welcome among British Forces Germany, whom she visits on Thursday. The Russian superiority in manpower, aircraft and tanks which she demonstrates can be countered by other statistics pointing to a Nato advantage in quality if not in quantity—and indeed to an overall superiority in certain weapon systems. On the other hand the situation does not allow for complacency in the West.

Even after the last Defence Review which planned a cut of £4,700m in the defence budget over ten years, the services were glumly predicting worse to come. Their principal worry was that no political party seemed to care sufficiently to stop it happening. In marshalling his forces in response to the Treasury's latest threats the Opposition are suggesting that the time has come to stand firm. Defence might now be taken seriously once more.

## FROM FARMER TO SON

minister who wound up the reading debate on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill let it be known that he would smile on an initiative, the back benches to provide the succession to agricultural families by near relatives. A Labour and Plaid Cymru members promptly tabled a clause for that purpose, or to a provision already in Scotland. It will be considered by the standing committee of the Bill later this month. The situation has its ironies, as Labour MPs seeking to do something like an hereditary right to an occupation. And Conservative MPs (not of them—some from agricultural constituencies are sympathetic to the objective of the new law) disinclined to extend to farmers the argument that they pursue so vigorously in the case of freehold farmers by capital taxes: that the hard of husbandry will suffer cannot pass on his business to his heir. But those are the politicians. More a point is to gauge at onset what the practical effect of such a measure would

be. A clause would not create automatic right of inheritance. It provides that when a tenant and a notice to quit has been served and a surviving spouse, son, daughter or grandchild of the tenant may apply to Agricultural Land Tribunal in order to grant a fresh lease. The tribunal will grant

the order if the applicant has been actively working the farm for three years or is "by reason of age and in all other respects a fit and proper person" to hold the tenancy, subject to the usual qualification about "greater hardship" and "fair and reasonable in all the circumstances". The right is therefore exercisable at the discretion of the tribunal, and the clause gives the tribunal a wider discretion in favour of the applicant than is given under the Scottish statute.

Under the present laws of tenure an heir who has an active interest in the farm can generally expect to be granted a lease himself if he is reasonably competent. But not always. There are plenty of hard cases and some harsh ones. Also, uncertainty about the future of the tenancy may sometimes affect a tenant family's willingness to commit investment and make improvements. That is the case for going at least some way towards securing succession to farm leases.

It is argued against the proposal that it would accelerate the decline in the proportion of rented holdings and might cause the supply of new tenancies almost to dry up; that this would be a blow to prospective farmers lacking the capital to buy land (and it is rare indeed to have money to lay out for land as well as for the now hugely inflated requirement of tenant's capital); that this would deny to the agricultural industry a flow of keen and capable

entrants; that standards of husbandry would fall if qualification for a tenancy in future is to be kinship not superior competence; that institutional investment in farming would fall away; that the narrowed market in farms to let would drive up the level of agricultural rents generally.

How are these claims and counter-claims to be assessed? With most social legislation there is no knowing whether it will have the effect intended by its authors. Although plenty of certainties are expressed, little certainty can be had. The only way of finding out is to try it. But in this case the legislators are not condemned to work in the usual darkness, since a measure similar to the one proposed has been in force in Scotland from 1949 to 1958 and again since 1968 (the interlude marking repeal by a Conservative government).

It has been in force long enough for conclusions to be drawn from an objective study, which would have to take account of any specific differences of Scottish agriculture and tenure, as well as other variables affecting investment, productivity, and relative changes between types of tenure. Parliament has no business to extend the provision to England and Wales without the benefit of a close examination of the Scottish experience; and if the Minister of Agriculture is sympathetic to extension, the first thing he should do is put that study in hand.

## SPECIAL PLEADING OR SPECIAL CASE?

own's financial plight has at a particularly embarrassing moment for the Government. It happens there will be a political struggle to the future of Scotland. It is Glasgow, that Labour stronghold in Scotland, that is the issue. It is there that the Scottish Labour Party, who have yet to have a Glasgow seat at a general election, have to make a breakthrough if they are to win a lasting position. It is from here that the new independent Scottish Labour Party draws support. Anything that sows dissatisfaction in Glasgow is therefore of far more local importance, and it is liable that a severe cut in services or a massive rise in rates would be a gift to the who win votes from protest. It is from conviction that there must be a strong argument for the Secretary of State to offer special help for the city. But he would be wrong to do so on purely local grounds. That might be some temporary relief to a Government in Scotland,

but it would do so at the expense of an outrageous option in a number of English cities where opinion is already sceptical enough of the devolution proposals which it tends to regard as the payment of Danegeld to avaricious Scots and Welsh. Moreover, if the Government were to succumb to political blackmail in the case of Glasgow they would find it infinitely harder to impose the necessary restraint on other authorities.

Before considering special assistance for Glasgow the Government would first have to satisfy themselves that the city is indeed faced with the stark choice that the district council suggests. If that is found to be so, such help could be justified only if it could be shown that Glasgow's needs are much greater than those of other large cities in the United Kingdom and that the city has done all that could reasonably be asked to put its own affairs in order. The first of these two conditions should not present much difficulty. Social deprivation has for years been worse in Glasgow than in other cities. Conditions in west central Scotland present

the greatest collective social problem in the United Kingdom. Not surprisingly, Glasgow has a relatively high debt burden, which means that the problems of the fathers are multiplied for the sons.

But Glasgow's reputation for efficient municipal management does not stand high. Not enough money may have been available, but not all of that has been spent wisely. Too much, for example, has gone on ambitious and expensive inner road schemes. It is too late to rectify that particular mistake, but the Government should take some satisfying that sufficient economies are being offered in other directions: Glasgow rents, like municipal rents elsewhere in Scotland, have by tradition been low. They cannot be raised much immediately because of the Government ceiling, but an assurance should be sought—in return for any additional help—that they will be raised progressively over a period of five years. Government policy permitting. It is in such ways that Glasgow may legitimately be treated as a special case, but not as a special political case.

## Training for social work

Sir Derman Christopher was an interesting coincidence of your leader "Redundant and Sir Alex Smith's on the role of the polytechnic in the same page of your issue January 2, 1976. I am tempted to write to express my similar to that of both and to doubt the wisdom of a further expansion of polytechnics and diplomas of higher education when the available educational resources have difficulty in meeting the known demands for specific training. The concern of this council is to and consolidate the nationally oriented training of workers in both universities and polytechnics. The universities do present circumstances find it to provide the resources for efficient postgraduate training in this field. The position

of non-graduate courses in polytechnics and further education colleges is even more difficult. Although the courses are in many ways as demanding as the first two years of a degree, they do not recruit students direct from school and their entry requirements are more flexible. Pre-set policies for the financing of courses and students have the unfortunate consequence that colleges may prefer to establish DfEE and degree courses rather than to continue or introduce two-year non-graduate courses. Vocational courses in the social work field are handicapped in several ways. They necessarily contain a large element of supervised social work practice, the organization and teaching of which is expensive in terms of college resources; the Houghton report on teachers' salaries in further education has made it financially more rewarding to teach in a degree course; the system of grants to students gives statutory awards in degree and DfEE students, but grants for social work courses which do not also lead to a degree are

made at the local authority's discretion. It is ironic that just as serious attempts are being made by the Government to forecast the training needs of the social services, other public policies on the whole penalize any vocational training that cannot readily fit the requirements laid down for degrees. Sir Alex Smith's letter however can be read as some assurance that the polytechnics will continue to follow their original guidelines, which laid emphasis on providing a range of relevant advanced courses, not simply degree courses. It is imperative that polytechnics should be supported in this resolve, and that they should not find themselves under greater financial pressure because they are meeting specific national needs rather than adding to the supply of general higher education. Yours faithfully, DERMAN CHRISTOPHERSON, Chairman, Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, Clifton House, Euston Road, NW1.

## Restrictions on Ulster troops

From Lieut-Colonel J. C. Wakerley (Redd) Sir, If your Special Correspondent (January 16) is right and the SAS are to be ordered into South Armagh to kill terrorists (this I believe), I very much hope that an earlier report that the SAS are to operate under the same yellow card rules as apply to all other soldiers in the province is correct. Otherwise, not only will they fail, but we shall have to face the spectacle of another spate of prosecutions of soldiers in Northern Ireland in which, to the delight of our enemies and the amazement of almost everyone else, we parade the law-enforcers before the same courts and on the same charges as the terrorists themselves.

When I served in Northern Ireland, the yellow card was extremely restrictive of the circumstances in which soldiers were permitted to open fire. Broadly, it was calculated to ensure that no-one would be shot who was not in the very act of killing or causing serious injury to another. I was immediately about to do so. I was, of course, based on the concept of the right of any citizen to use reasonable force in self defence, or in the defence of another, and in the prevention of crime.

Such concepts may be fine for dealing with bank robbers in Battersea or even with hijackers at Heathrow. As interpreted in Northern Ireland it is utterly out of place in support of an army fighting against a guerrilla force, and remotely in sight. It presupposes an inability to act aggressively and a readiness to allow the enemy to strike first. It implies a transfer of initiative to the opposition and an anxiety to engage from any confrontation. It is the solidly made battle shorn of the legal protection he needs properly and adequately to utilize his tactical training, harness his military experience and deploy his professional talents.

Regrettably, Sir, it provides no basis for the confidence that the SAS can improve upon your Correspondent's appalling score card of IRA 49 Army 0. Yours faithfully, J. C. WAKERLEY, Assistant Director of Army Legal Services, Headquarters Northern Ireland 1972-1974, January 17.

## Seeking cooperation

From Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Rowan Hamilton Sir, Sir Patrick Macrory (January 12) regrets the passing of a Protestant dominated Stormont and a totally sectarian reserve police force (B Specials). I do not agree but this is hardly surprising as he lives in Surrey and I in a mixed area of county Down. He wants his soldiers home and I want a decent place in which my family can grow up. I suppose that it is possible that a totally Protestant government supported by a sufficient number of sterling submarine carriages might temporarily force the minority into resentful quiescence, but the problem will reappear, as it always has, within a few years. What a constitution acceptable to all who live here. No one would have believed a few years ago that a very considerable number of Protestants (those contained in Alliance, UPNI and Mr Craig's Unionists) were in broad agreement with the SDLP on the path to the future. If the British people can contain their impatience for a few more years and one or two more elections we shall have a majority in favour of cooperation. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, DENIS ROWAN HAMILTON, Killybegs Castle, Co. Down, January 13.

## Violence in rugby

From Mr Derek Jewell Sir, In the many reports on the rugby violence in the last few days, I have noticed no comment on one incident in the second half: a penalty awarded against Wales for (presumably) the unsporting behaviour of J. P. R. Williams in refusing to release the ball whilst off the field of play so that a line-out could quickly take place. Such a penalty, if not unique in international matches, must certainly be a rarity. It was typical of that sad element which is increasingly a feature of rugby. Unfortunately, the match was not as these things go, notably violent, although it was less magnificent and, in the second half, more boring than most reports suggest. Yet the injury list, as reported, was atrocious: apart from a new severe neck injury in the face of J. P. R. Williams himself, there was a broken arm, a dislocated left shoulder, and two sets of five-stitch head wounds for England forwards. There was a concussion, and a broken leg. I observed several examples of fisticuffs in mauls on the referee's blind side; of an (English) foot once struck on very dangerously indeed; of indiscriminate use of boots in scrums. My reading of Saturday's other match reports: brawling, a broken leg, and finally a sending off in Richmond's game; four lectures to the players from the referee in the first 20 minutes in Rosslyn Park's; off-the-ball wrestling among forwards in London Welsh—all these from London games alone.

The signs of increasing illegal violence in rugby are too plain to be ignored. The game's legislators and its clubs have a duty to combat it. Referees are, thank heaven, less hesitant than they used to be to send off offending players. They should be given every support, and players sent off for more than once should wait a very long time indeed before they are allowed to play again—if, indeed, they should be so allowed. More rigorous regulations for equipment (dangerous boots are currently under scrutiny) are crucial. Above all, clubs must support the rugby authorities. They should keep out of their teams' disciplinary matters and let the better than anyone else, know who such players are. Yours faithfully, DEREK JEWELL, 25 Spencer Road, East Molesey, Surrey, January 19.

## The lessons of a baby's death

From Sir Ronald Gibson Sir, One must express a deep sympathy with all those concerned in the tragic case of Stephen Meurs. At the same time, there are certain facts which must be faced—the least of which is the shortage of trained social workers. But there is a more fundamental cause for these ills which seems so far from having gone unnoticed. It well needs to be brought to public notice.

Several of us in general practice have for many years been building up a team of health care teams designed to cover the total care (not just the medical treatment) of the whole patient. To this end doctors, nurses, midwives and health visitors have been working together in a team of the normal to be able to detect the abnormal in child care and development, and having done so, is able to communicate accurately in his senior his feelings of doubt or anxiety.

The objection has been raised that there are insufficient staff to enable a senior to see every case. But I maintain that some of the tragic errors and a good deal more of human misery could be averted without any increase in resources if, where the welfare of children is at stake, it were routine for a senior social worker to accompany his junior on a proportion of visits. The training situation would thereby be enhanced, the client would have the benefit of the senior's expertise and, where necessary, skilled intervention: all in no more time than it takes for the junior to face the situation alone, knowing and talking to each other, that our aim can be effectively achieved.

To add to this we now have a new machinery of organization which is so complicated and inexplicable that one wonders how even the British could have dreamed it up. (Can one wonder, for example, at a lack of central communication when a health visitor is responsible to one authority and a social worker to another?) And, tragically, can one wonder that the risk of a child being starved to death goes unnoticed?

These two Acts have resulted in what can only be called "retrogressive progression". Those of us who were building up primary health care teams have been stopped dead in our tracks and the greater tragedy is that it will take a decade or more to get back to where we were two years ago.

Although we are annoyed and frustrated it is the patient who is the sufferer—the one for whom our admirable National Health Service was created and the one who now should be seeking his voice and demanding of ministers and politicians (of any party) that they look again at their ill-conceived ideas with a view to a return to the concept of total care by an integrated health care team of all the involved disciplines, without which we cannot hope to avoid further tragedies in the future. Yours sincerely, RONALD GIBSON, Fitzgibbon Medical Centre, Winchester, January 16.

## From Dr Joy West

I share your leader's writer's concern (January 16) about the pressures social workers find themselves under in cases of non-accidental injury. In social work, as in medicine, primary care frequently devolves upon the most junior and least experienced, backed up by a staff of seniors who supervise their work. Get there the similarity ends. For whereas even the most junior doctor has already undergone a prolonged and rigorous training followed after qualification by an apprenticeship

in hospital, nowadays only 40 per cent of newly appointed social workers are trained, and their apprenticeship is of a very different nature.

In medicine, supervision takes place at the bedside, in the casualty and out-patient department, but social work supervision is for the most part office-based, removed from the fraught domestic scene. Which means that, once promoted, the experienced social worker is largely lost to field work and may supervise a case for many months without ever seeing the client.

This, to my mind, is the weakest link in the organizational chain set up to deal with non-accidental injury. It presupposes that an inexperienced social worker has sufficient knowledge of the normal to be able to detect the abnormal in child care and development, and having done so, is able to communicate accurately in his senior his feelings of doubt or anxiety.

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## From Dr Sinclair Rogers

Sir, The very moving report published this last week of the tragic events surrounding the death of Steven Meurs in Norfolk highlights an apparently increasing factor which those concerned with children are baying to face. That is the sheer range of inhuman and brutal circumstances in which some little children are brought up. As the report states, the local authority workers involved simply could not believe the depth of inhumanity which was expressed.

I refer, to the maids, to the affluent Western world where in the absence of the grinding poverty of sadder days there are children dying in the harsh and terrible environment deliberately made by those caring for the children. Whilst for example, bad housing is a problem to many still, recent cases of death by extreme brutality or neglect are to be characterized almost as suburban in which adverse economic factors are not significant. This is true of the case in Brighton, Steven in Norfolk and particularly of the case of the girl Genie who was locked away in an upstairs cupboard in her parents' home in Los Angeles for some twelve years.

The points I wish to make are firstly that not only must the public and the professionals be educated in the range of depths of inhumanity facing some children, not only in terms of baby battering, but also to the edge of death. Secondly, all of us must be encouraged to take an interest in what goes on around us, especially, in life in suburbia. I have the honour to be your obedient servant, SINCLAIR ROGERS, Ulster College, The Northern Ireland Polytechnic, Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim.

## Blind visitors to Chelsea

### Flower Show

From Mr A. R. Clark Sir, Lord Snowdon's treble letter of January 14 spotlights a very urgent and complex problem in our society, and one in which we lag behind other countries. The pioneer workers in blind welfare were chiefly concerned with communication and rightly saw as the first priority the establishment of systems of tactile print. More recently, the deep significance of independent mobility in the broad concept of adaptation has become fully appreciated.

The guide dog enables the blind person to achieve mobility and independence to an unparalleled and at one time undreamt of degree. Precise psychological research has established that this mobility, coupled with the companionship and dependence on the dog partner effects a threefold increase in the blind person's valuation of himself, and thus makes the burden of the handicap that much more bearable. In the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, we spend for many months on each dog to achieve a degree of training which will not only secure the safety of guidance necessary for the crowded traffic conditions of today, but will also virtually ensure an acceptable and hygienic standard of canine behaviour when in harness.

When blind persons, placing their trust and faith in these animals, are refused admission to public displays, restaurants and hotels, those who do so are relegating the blind persons to the isolation of second-class citizenship, often destroying thereby that repair to personality that has been effected by so much skill, patience and courage. One cannot believe that this is really the desire of the same caring community that so generously provides the funds that enable the work to proceed and reach out to more and more blind citizens each year. Yours sincerely, A. R. CLARK, Director General, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Alexandra House, 113 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W5.

From Mrs L. M. Wassell Smith Sir, Sadly, there is a vast gap between the desirable and the practical; it is a waste of time debating the moral right of blind people to take their guide dogs into the Chelsea Flower Show when any regular visitor there knows the plain fact that it would be sheer cruelty to animals to allow it; there are just too many people in too confined a

space and any creature as far below eye level as a dog would inevitably be kicked and trodden on. Most sighted people find it a difficult and exhausting business getting round the exhibits, particularly if they want to examine them closely or talk to the stand officials. Gardens, mentioned by Lord Snowdon in his last paragraph, being permanent rather than four-day exhibitions, obviously do not present the same problems.

It is difficult to know what the answer is, though I would have thought that the Royal Horticultural Society's suggestion that the blind should go to the fortnightly shows in their own halls—which, as your regular reviews testify, are excellent—is both thoughtful and practical. Or, perhaps, the Society could use his influence to organize visits by the blind to Chelsea on the preview day, Monday, when the ordinary public are not admitted. Yours faithfully, M. WASSSELL SMITH, 38 Bathurst Road, Wimbledon, SW19.

## The British Library

From Mr Derwent May Sir, Now that the plans for the new British Library in St Pancras are being drawn up, may I urge upon the Trustees the idea of building a new dome-shaped reading room like the present one. It is a shape that creates an extraordinary feeling of serenity, from the moment one walks in.

This is not just a question of the acoustics, though the immediate fading of all small sounds is very peaceful (loud, sharp noises, of course, are a great, working library, and it would be a waste of space if once having been discovered, it was lost again. Yours faithfully, DERWENT MAY, 201 Albany Street, NW1.

## Select committees and Ministers

From Mr Michael Wolff Sir, Ministers have only themselves to blame for the pickle they are in with the expenditure committee. Having chosen to air their differences over Chrysler in public, they cannot be surprised if Parliament wants to know more. Those who live by the "leak" must be prepared to take the consequences. But that does not validate the doctrine you enunciate (leader, January 14) that a select committee is "entitled to hear from anyone whose testimony they suppose will be relevant". Anyone? Suppose?

On any controversial issue there will be dissenting views, first within the government departments concerned and then in Cabinet. But it is the essence of our democracy that ministers take responsibility for the decisions of their departments and that the Cabinet takes collective responsibility for its own decisions. No doubt, it would be "relevant" to summon enough civil servants in order to establish that there were departmental differences over a particular issue, or to invite members of the Cabinet to declare which side they supported on a controversial decision and why. But it is nothing to do with democracy or, for that matter, with open government. On the contrary, it is the quickest way to ensure a secretive, presidential style of government. That cannot be in the interests of Parliament. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WOLFF, 11 Holland Park, W11, January 19.

## The cod war

From Mr Walter Clegg, Conservative MP for North Fylde Sir, Mr Geoffrey Gorer writing to you from Sussex expresses a sense of shame from what he describes as "the antics of the Royal Navy" off Iceland, he complains, too, that we are acting like a school bully (January 15).

That may be the view from Sussex, but I can assure you it is different from that taken in the port of Fleetwood in my constituency and on Humberstone. Fleetwood lands two thirds of its deep-sea catch from the fishing grounds off Iceland and the jobs of some 5,000 people are at risk. The International Court has made it clear that the Icelandic unilateral extension of fishing limits is illegal and in law our fishermen have the right to fish as they are doing at the moment. It is clear that Icelandic gunboats took aggressive action against unarmed trawlers as they were fishing; this is a highly dangerous activity which could kill or maim our fishermen. Who, then, is bullying whom? Surely we are right to protect our fishermen going about their lawful occupations on the high seas and that is the traditional role of the Royal Navy who are covering a highly effective dangerous job.

This country and its fishermen are prepared to negotiate with Iceland on the basis of a substantial reduction in the catch. It is Iceland that is refusing to negotiate except on its own terms. It appears to be the height of fashion to portray the actions of this country in the worst possible light but people, like Mr Gorer might at least take the trouble to find out the facts that his fellow countrymen could be deprived of their livelihood, or maimed or killed by Icelandic action before they lightly condemn the actions of those who seek to protect them. Yours truly, WALTER CLEGG, House of Commons.

From Mr Arthur Dunn Sir, Mr Geoffrey Gorer's comments on the cod war (January 15) and, in particular, his reference to the "antics" of the Royal Navy are quite unbelievably offensive. Icelandic has unilaterally declared its fishing limits to be 200 miles. To enforce these limits it has chosen to use its gunboats to cut the warps of British trawlers, thereby endangering the lives of the crews of those trawlers.

In its turn the British Government has directed the Royal Navy to defend the trawlers from the attacks of the gunboats and, to do so, to use the minimum of force. That the orders to the Royal Navy are permissible within international law is not, I believe, in doubt. It would seem therefore that Mr Gorer's strictures should be directed to the government rather than to one of the services responsible for the defence of this country and all its inhabitants, including Mr Gorer. Yours faithfully, A. M. H. DUNN, Glendora, 210 Craydon Road, Crayford, Bangor, Co. Down, January 15.

## Textbook piracy

From Mr Peter Ashby Sir, Dr Billam's concern (letter to The Times, January 14) for the development of specialist textbook publishing in cheap paperback editions illustrates the sadly widespread misconception of the economics of academic and scientific publishing. Sales of specialist works will not increase significantly at lower prices, there are just not sufficient people interested in the many esoteric aspects of every discipline. The only way of catering for the needs of those working at the forefront of their subject is by the publication of microfiche editions. Here, however, dangers of piracy by low-cost copying are far greater than the typical £3.50 for 100 pages of photocopy. A 98-page microfiche can be copied in its entirety for less than 10 pence. Authors, publishers, readers and Mr Justice Whitford's committee on copyright must continue to confront these matters. Yours faithfully, PETER ASHBY, Managing Director, Oxford Microfilm Publications Ltd, Wheatthorpe Yard, Elbow Road, Oxford, January 15.















BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## A hitch in the gilts market

some of their momentary, closing ease from start to the day, which was not simply of relatively innocuous nature. Potential buyers with tempting ideas, were turning on a plea of lack of liquidity in the market yesterday. And, of course, that of England's measures to release liquidity in the market, which were not expected to have any effect.

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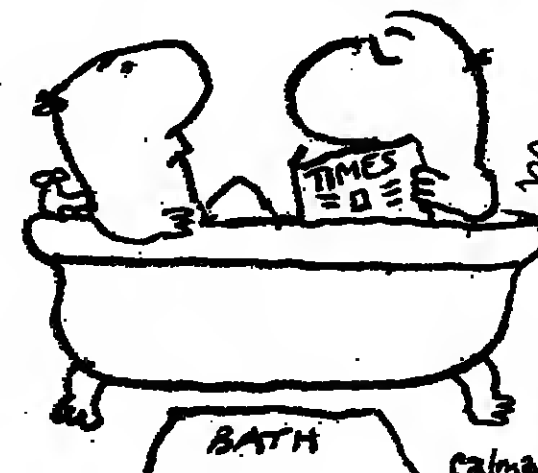
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